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ADF&G has posted new Draft 2012 Alaska Anadromous Waters Catalog maps (based on nominations submitted through September 30, 2011) online. You can view the new maps for Southwest Alaska at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/SARR/AWC/index.cfm?ADFG=maps.selectDraftMap&Region=SWT>

These maps do not distinguish novel information from old. The Dillingham C-5 and C-6 quads changed substantially as a result of our August 2011 survey of streams flowing through the Kemuk (Humble) claim. There also appear to be updates in Iliamna quads in the vicinity of the Pebble claim.

In the last few years ADF&G has adopted a highly parsimonious approach to depicting the distribution of life stages—leading to a confusing sequence of mapped life stage distributions (e.g., a stream reach identified as coho salmon rearing habitat, followed by coho salmon present, followed by rearing, followed by present...) that has little biological support but with potential regulatory ramifications. This current mapping “policy” is a function of survey density and executive branch philosophy and should not be interpreted to reflect any true biological patterns.

I don't know if ADF&G will make this public review draft available in ESRI format.

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know.

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